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Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

Just a note to thank you very much for your very great kindness in writing to Admiral Barbey and Captain Neale. Please forgive me for not thanking you long before this, but, some how or other, your letter got into my answered instead of my unanswered file.

I wish you were coming on the cruise with us. Perhaps, one of these days when you have retired we can make it, but I am afraid that I will be so bent by then that the only cruise I will be able to make will be in the deck chair of an ocean liner.

Thank you again.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely, STAT

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